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1. IN WAKE OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED REFTEL, BETTING AMONG AFRICAN DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO OAU CURRENTLY HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF JAN 8-12 OAU CM AND SUMMIT "BACK-TO-BACK." ALL CONCERNED OF COURSE AWAITING OAU MEMBER GOVTS' REPLIES TO ADMIN SECGEN'S POLL.

2. REPS HERE OF "MODERATES," INCLUDING GHANA, IVORY COAST, SUDAN, EGYPT, ETC., CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO ENLIST FURTHER SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION THAT EXTRAORDINARY OAU CONF ON ANGOLA (1) WILL NOT RPT NOT GIVE STAMP OF APPROVAL TO ANY ANGOLAN FACTION (VIZ., MPLA) AND (2) THAT MEETINGS WILL CONCENTRATE ON EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR CEASEFIRE, TALKS BETWEEN FACTIONS AND COALITION GOVT.

3. HAJJI MAHMOUDOU HAMAN DICKO, THE HIGHLY RESPECTED CAMEROONIAN AMB TO THE OAU WHO IS ALSO DEAN OF THE ADDIS DIP CORPS, TRAVELED TOMOZAMBIQUE LAST WEEK TO URGE MODERATION UPON SAMORA MACHEL AND TO EXPLORE BRIDGE-BUILDING POSSIBILITIES BETWEEN MODERATES AND MPLA PARTISANS. HIS MISSION IS SAID TO HAVE PRODUCED NO RPT NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

4. MEDIA REPORTS ALLEGING A SOUTH AFRICAN "ANNOUNCEMENT" THAT PRETORIA IS WITHDRAWING ITS FORCES FROM ANGOLA, BEING WIDELY WELCOMED "IF TRUE."

5. PRESIDENT IDI AMIN'S LEADERSHIP OF OAU ON ANGOLA ALSO CONTINUES AS HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL, ALTHOUGH SUBORDINATE, ISSUE IN MANEUVERING SURROUNDING CALL FOR EXTRAORDINARY OAU CM AND SUMMIT. AMIN'S OPPONENTS, PROMINENTLY INCLUDING NYERERE AND MACHEL, ARE SAID HERE TO ALLEGE THAT UGANDA PRESIDENT "CONSPIRED WITH MOBUTU" TO PREVENT CONVOCAION OF SUMMIT. THIS, THEY ASSERT, IS REASON WHY CM ORIGINALLY CHARGED WITH SETTING SUMMIT DATE. AMIN IS ALSO ACCUSED OF HAVING CREATED IN KAMPALA A MINI "POLITBURO" AND DEFENSE COUNCIL WITHOUT THE REQUISITE APPROVAL OF OAU HEADS OF STATE AND GOVT. IN SHORT, AMIN'S ENEMIES SAY THAT HE USURPING THE ROLE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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EXEC CHAIRMAN AND, IN SO DOING, IS EMBARRASSING AFRICAN STATES. THERE IS A WIDESPREAD EXPECTATION IN ADDIS AFRICAN DIP CIRCLES THAT THESE CHARGES WILL BE AIRED DURING FORTHCOMING OAU CONF AND THAT, AT MINIMUM, AMIN'S OAU LEADERSHIP WILL BE "CENSURED."

6. SUBSTANCE OF AGENDA WHICH OAU SUMMIT IS TO ADDRESS CURRENTLY BEING DESCRIBED HERE IN FOLLOWING TERMS: PRIOR

TO ANGOLA'S NOV 11 INDEPENDENCE THE OAU HAD A DEFINITE POSITION ON EVENTS THERE -- IT RECOGNIZED AND BACKED THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM. ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE OVERTOOK THIS OAU POSITION. THE SUMMIT MUST NOW DECIDE ON A VIABLE OAU STAND SUITED TO ANGOLA'S NEW CIRCUMSTANCES AS AN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATE.  
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